

VARE BIDS LOW ON ONE SECTION OF SUBWAY JOB

McNichol Offer Smallest on Two Other Parts Considered Today

PROPOSALS TABULATED

Contracts Cannot Be Awarded Until Service Board Grants Convenience Certificates

Senator Vare was lowest bidder for the first time in one of the three sets of transit contract bids which were opened this afternoon by Transit Director Twining.

Although Senator Vare was the lowest bidder on one contract, No. 104, Senator McNichol was the low bidder on two, Nos. 103 and 204.

The bids were for three sections of the Broad street subway between South and Siles streets.

The bids are for the following work: Contract No. 103—575 linear feet of two-track and 2500 linear feet of four-track subway in Broad street from south of Fifteenth street to Buttonwood street, including one station.

Contract No. 104—4086 linear feet of four-track subway in Broad street from Buttonwood street north to Siles street, including three stations.

Contract No. 204—2960 linear feet of four-track subway, merging into two-track subway, in Broad street from south of Fifteenth square to south of South street, including two stations.

The bids submitted follow: No. 103—Philadelphia Subway Construction Company (Vare), \$2,845,000; Keystone State Construction Company (McNichol), \$3,140,000; Smith, Hauser & McLean, New York, \$3,050,102; Underpinning and Foundation Company, New York, \$3,282,767.

No. 104—Philadelphia Subway Construction Company, \$2,495,000; Keystone State Construction Company, \$2,901,270; Smith, Hauser & McLean, New York, \$3,272,575; Underpinning and Foundation Company, New York, \$3,145,992; Dock Construction Company, Hoboken, \$3,448,000.

No. 204—Philadelphia Subway Construction Company, \$2,495,000; Keystone State Construction Company (McNichol), \$3,252,400; Smith, Hauser & McLean, New York, \$3,145,992; Underpinning and Foundation Company, \$3,171,555.

COMMISSION TO ACT

Almost coincident with the opening of the bids Chairman William D. B. Alney, of the Public Service Commission, announced in Harrisburg that his commission would take prompt action upon the city's application for certificates of public convenience for the various lines in the high-speed system.

The commission, he said, will certainly take the matter up either at the executive session today or the one tomorrow.

Any further delay will mean that the Director will be unable to award contracts, although bids have been opened. Three contracts for the subway delivery loop have been hung up for two months awaiting action by the commission.

The Director opened the bids the second week of February, but has been unable to proceed further on account of the commission's long delay.

Both Mayor Smith and Transit Director Twining expressed the hope today that the State Legislature will take favorable action upon the two transit bills introduced last night by Representative Hecht.

The measures are designed to strengthen the city's position in the transit lease negotiations with the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company. As the situation now stands, transit followers admit that the transit company has the upper hand.

WHAT BILLS PROVIDE

The first bill would empower the city to take over the existing street railway facilities by exercise of the right of eminent domain. The second provides for an amendment to the State Constitution which would give the city power to exceed its 10 per cent borrowing capacity if the proceeds are to be used in constructing, purchasing or condemning any existing public utility or part thereof, the only provision being that the utilities must reasonably be expected eventually to yield sufficient net profit to pay interest and sinking fund charges.

These bills, it is said, have the approval of Mayor Smith, Senators McNichol and Vare, Transit Director Twining and Chairman Gaffney, of Councils Finance Committee. The constitutionality of the bills passed at this session of the Legislature would have to be passed again in 1919 and then put to a vote of the people.

HUSBAND AWARDED \$500 FOR WIFE'S AFFECTIONS

Jury Recognizes Complaint Against Motorman Boarder and Grants Heart Balm

A jury in Judge McMichael's court today awarded Walter C. Smedley, a compositor, damages against John L. Miller, a motorman. The accusation against Miller was that he had alienated the affections of Smedley's wife.

Miller became acquainted with Mrs. Smedley when he and his daughter went to the Smedley home, at 6029 Locust street, as boarders. Smedley first became suspicious when he learned that Miller had given a canary bird to his wife. Later, he testified, he confirmed his suspicions beyond a doubt.

Miller's defense was that he could not have alienated Mrs. Smedley's affections from her husband, because no such affections existed on account of Smedley's harsh treatment of her, so Miller alleged.

PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER TO SING FOR RED CROSS

Miss Wilson Will Give Series of Concerts for Benefit of Army and Navy

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Miss Margaret Wilson, daughter of the President, will sing for the benefit of the American army and navy. Miss Wilson left today for New York to prepare for a series of concerts in the South.

The proceeds from her tour will be used for Red Cross relief work for the soldiers and sailors of the United States.

TIRED OF WIFE'S BLOWS

Octogenarian Negro Asks Divorce From Love-Tapper

John C. Ford, a negro, eighty, today told Magistrate Pennock that he wanted to divorce his wife, Isabelle Ford, fifty, because he couldn't stand being "beaten up" any longer.

FIRE SWEEPS BUSINESS SECTION OF CLAYTON, NEW JERSEY



Nearly a score of buildings were burned to the ground and the entire town threatened with destruction by flames fanned by a thirty-mile gale. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

FLAMES RAVAGE NEW JERSEY TOWN

Inhabitants of Clayton Roused From Slumber by Ringing of Church Bell

WOMEN AID FIREMEN Give Alarm and Form Bucket Brigade—Loss Approximates \$100,000

The 1800 inhabitants of Clayton, N. J., which is about five miles south of Pitman Grove and twenty-two miles from Camden, were thrown into pandemonium shortly after 4 o'clock this morning by a fire which caused a property loss of nearly \$100,000.

Despite the fact that a small army of residents fought hard in combating the flames, which were being fanned by a thirty-mile gale, only two persons were reported hurt, and they only slightly. They were Grant Garwood and John Buzby, members of the volunteer fire department of Clayton, who were burned on the hands.

The fire destroyed the garage of David Potash, at Central avenue and High street, in which the flames had their origin, and in which twenty-eight automobiles were stored. The flames shot skyward and thence in almost every direction, and soon the adjoining properties became a prey to the flying embers. Two blocks and a half away buildings caught fire and were damaged.

Among the properties destroyed was a wing of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, which is just across the street from the garage; the general merchandise store of Charles F. Skinner, the barn and a portion of the house of Christopher Beck; the barn and other buildings on the estate of E. Wilson Moore, a wealthy glass manufacturer, and a portion of the glass works two squares away. The icehouse, laundry and a portion of the old Moore homestead finally caught fire and were badly damaged. Other frame dwellings came within the wake of the flames and were more or less damaged.

SCHOOL TEACHERS GIVE ALARM

When Clayton awoke this morning the people could only see smoke and flames. Their slumbers were suddenly disturbed by hearing the ringing of the chimies in the belfry of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. George Fisher had hold of the ropes and was doing all he could to arouse the populace.

Mr. Fisher however, was not the first person to discover the fire. This fell to Miss Lenola Morgan, a school teacher who is visiting Miss Mamie Davis, who is also a school teacher in Clayton. Miss Morgan heard an explosion which she supposed to have caused the fire in the garage. She called Miss Davis and aroused the Misses Nell Seidel, Ruth Fellen and Irene Boulson, who are also school teachers. The teachers ran in a body to the front window and their screams aroused the pastor of Trinity Church and a few others in the neighborhood.

When these companies arrived the flames had spread for squares. The brisk wind made the work of the firemen difficult. All the women in the place were up and dressed by this time and many were carrying their personal belongings to places of safety.

WOMEN FIGHT FLAMES

The school teachers and other women in the neighborhood refused to fly to places of safety but played on the flames. They proved a great help to the firemen in checking the spread of the fire in the residential section.

The explosion was thought to have been caused by crossed wires coming in contact with the acetylene tank in the garage. The loss here is roughly estimated at \$40,000. The loss to the Skinner store is estimated at \$20,000. The losses to the other buildings and barns are also roughly estimated. The barn and a portion of the dwelling on the Davis estate was also partly destroyed.

NEW SUIT TO PREVENT CONTRACT FOR LIBRARY

Taxpayer Wants Bids of March 27 Thrown Out Because Plans Were Changed

Another suit was brought today to enjoin the city from awarding any contracts for work on the new library building to be built on the Parkway in accordance with bids submitted March 27.

This is the second suit of its kind, but the first was recently withdrawn.

The suit today was filed by Walter Biddle, a resident of Philadelphia, a taxpayer and an owner of the property. He is joined by the Free Library Association, trustees of the Free Library and presidents of Councils of the City.

The objection of the plaintiff is that the city made changes in its plans and did not properly advertise the changes. It is contended that some old city ordinances prohibited the cutting and preparation of the stone to be used in the building anywhere outside of Philadelphia. The plans at first provided for the cutting of the stone in the city.

SAYS CORYELL'S FERRY MAY AGAIN BE FAMOUS

Noted Architect Explains Strategic Value of Historical Point in Case of Invasion

Coryell's Ferry, made famous by the Revolution, may be much more important in case the United States is invaded, if we have war in this country, according to Oliver Randolph Parry, well-known architect, who spoke today to the Germantown chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at the Wistar mansion in Vernon Park. His subject was "Coryell's Ferry of the Revolution and Today."

He told what an important point the ferry had been in the Revolution and the effect its possession had on Trenton and of the foresight of General Washington in sending a force to protect the ferry.

"Coryell's Ferry in the past and today represents much," he said. "But I am not sure, under certain circumstances, that it may not in the future represent still more. Situated on the most direct highway between Philadelphia and New York, strategically located on the banks of the Delaware River at a point connected with New Jersey where the narrowest and strongest iron bridge between Philadelphia and Easton spans the river, midway between Philadelphia and the great munition plants at Easton and Bethlehem, sheltered from molestation for the movement of troops and motor supply trains, it would seem as though great importance could now be attached to this point as a great station for the storage of ammunition and training troops."

The Socialist member of the House, James H. Maurer, of Reading, then launched into a long and bitter attack upon the State Police. He moved that it be stricken from the bill. He started a general lobbying, in which Senator Patton and Representatives McNichol, Franklin and Ringer and Speaker Baldwin joined.

Representative Fletcher W. Stiles, of Montgomery, urged its passage. Attempts to force a rollcall, made by Representative Maurer, failed.

VALLEY CENTER, KANSAS, HAS PETTICOAT RULE

Women Chosen for Mayor, City Council and Police Judge at Municipal Election

VALLEY CENTER, Kan., April 3.—This city was believed today to have established a world precedent when it elected a woman Mayor, a city council composed entirely of women and a woman police judge.

Miss Avis Francis, young and pretty, is the new Mayoress.

He warned the audience, saying there is as great a danger to be feared within our borders as without them, because of the pacifist.

Girard Graduates Visit Court

More than a score of recent graduates from Girard College today visited the criminal branch of the Municipal Court to get an object lesson in court procedure. After listening to several cases they were addressed by Judge Bonnellwell, who spoke to them on patriotism and citizenship.

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HOUSE PASSES POLICE BILL ON SECOND READING

Votes to Increase Number and Pay of Its Members After Hard Fight Against It

HARRISBURG, April 3.—The Buckman bill, increasing the size of the State Police force and the salaries from Major John C. Groome down to every trooper, was passed on second reading in the House of Representatives today after a prolonged fight. It will be finally voted on next Monday night.

The bill increases the force by 102 men, making the size of the total force 322 men. The fight centered around the increase in salary of Major Groome from \$3000 a year to \$6000.

The salaries of the captains are increased from \$1800 to \$2400 a year. The troopers, who have been receiving \$500 a year, will be paid \$5 a month more for two years and then an additional \$5 a month.

Representative James O. Campbell, of Butler, offered an amendment when the bill was called up, cutting down the increase in Major Groome's salary. His amendment was defeated.

Representative Robert Spangler, of York, urged the passage of the bill as it came from the Senate.

Representative Milliron, of Armstrong, moved that action be postponed indefinitely. His motion lost.

A motion to postpone action until late this afternoon then was made by Representative Phillips, of Clearfield, and it also was defeated.

While Maurer was speaking, Senator Buckman, of Bucks, who sponsored the measure and forced it through the Senate, lobbied on the floor of the House for the bill. He started a general lobbying, in which Senator Patton and Representatives McNichol, Franklin and Ringer and Speaker Baldwin joined.

Representative Fletcher W. Stiles, of Montgomery, urged its passage. Attempts to force a rollcall, made by Representative Maurer, failed.

FORMER GERMAN OFFICER ARRESTED AS A SPY

Caught With Maps of Southern California, Otto Karl Doerr, Is Held Incommunicado

LOS ANGELES, April 3.—Arrested, with maps of Belandino and Santa Monica beach district in his possession, Otto Karl Doerr, German spy suspect, is being held incommunicado by Federal officers here today, while they investigate his activities in southern California. Doerr, who says he was formerly an officer in the German army, was arrested following threats he is alleged to have made.

Following this, he made inquiries at drug stores regarding purchases of ingredients used in making explosives. Doerr admits he is a chemist and that he made the topographical maps found in his possession, but denies working for any government.

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GERMAN COOK ARRESTED FOR CURSING PRESIDENT

Navy's Petty Officer Hears Him and Has Him Sent to Jail

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Because he publicly cursed President Wilson while standing before a war bulletin board, Walter Goldmacher, a German cook, twenty-six, was arrested here this afternoon. David E. Hoke, chief petty officer of one of the Government's warships, heard Goldmacher berating the President and caused his arrest.

Goldmacher said he only used profanity against the President after he had heard one of the crowd about the board swear about the Kaiser.

BERLIN NOT QUESTION AS TO LINERS' GUNNERS

No Inquiry by U. S. Follows Threat to Treat Bluejackets as Pirates

WASHINGTON, April 3.—German threats to treat as pirates armed guards of American merchantmen have not been made the subject of correspondence between the State Department and Germany. This Government has taken no action in the matter although it has accepted the threat as authentic. It was explained at the State Department today that the threat was promulgated through official German newspapers and had never been repudiated by the German Government.

The German Government, however, ever excepting as prisoners of war, would be a subject for reprisals, it was made plain.

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